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Red Cross Thanks Donovan in Freeing of Cubans

The Red Cross has formally thanked New York attorney James B. Donovan for his work in arranging for the release of 8970 Cuban refugees carlier this year.

Mr. Donovan, in accepting the certificate of appreciation yesterday, said his efforts in getting Premier Castro to agree to the release in exchange for \$53 million in supplies was "very self-rewarding work."

In reply to a question about whether he was now working for the release of Americans imprisoned in Red China, Mr. Donovan said he was "not actively engaged in the work at this time." (127)